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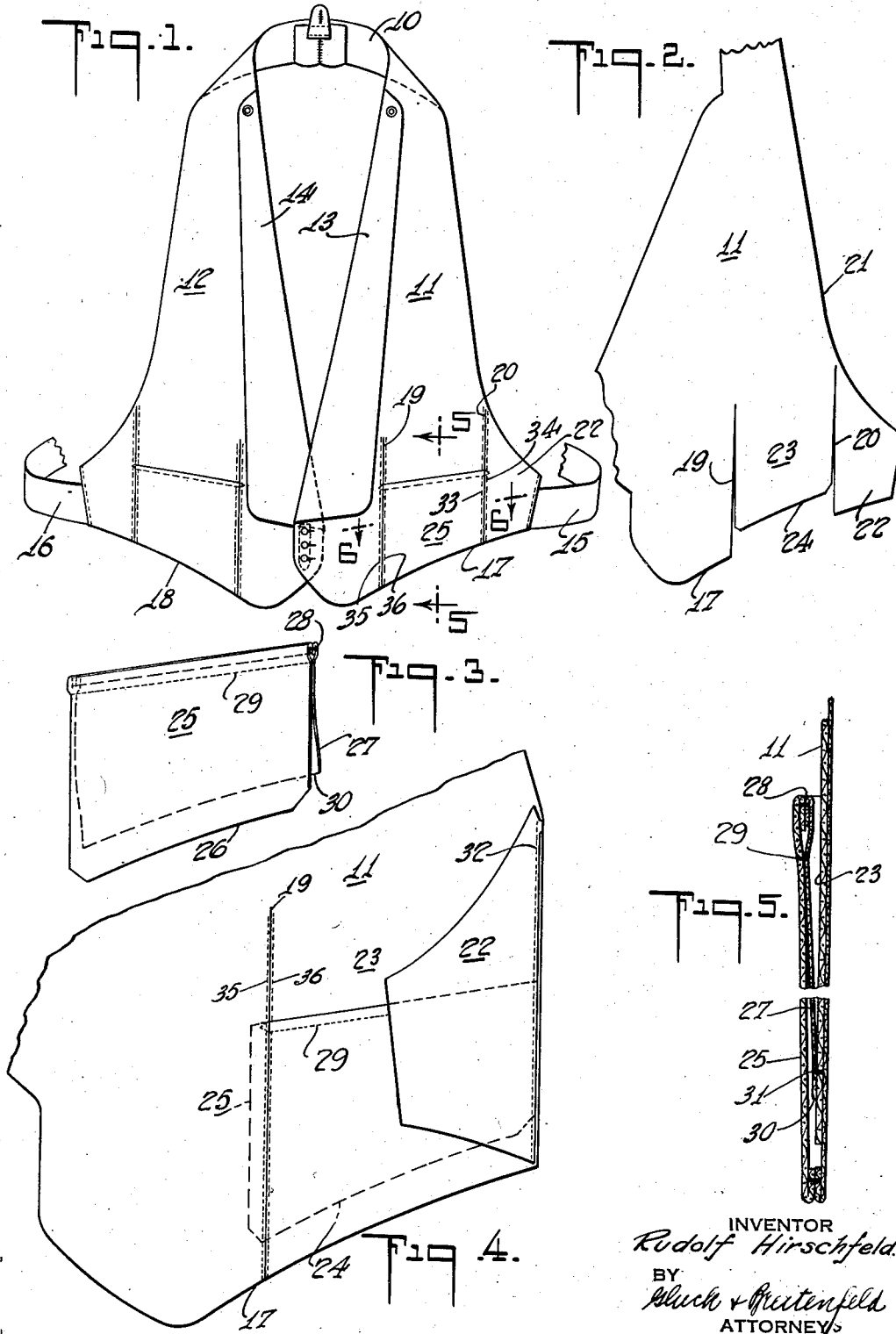
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Fig. 6.

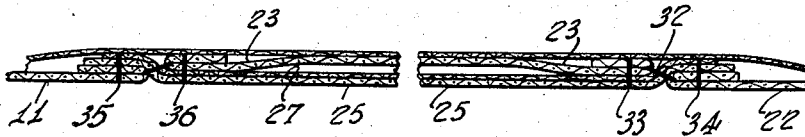
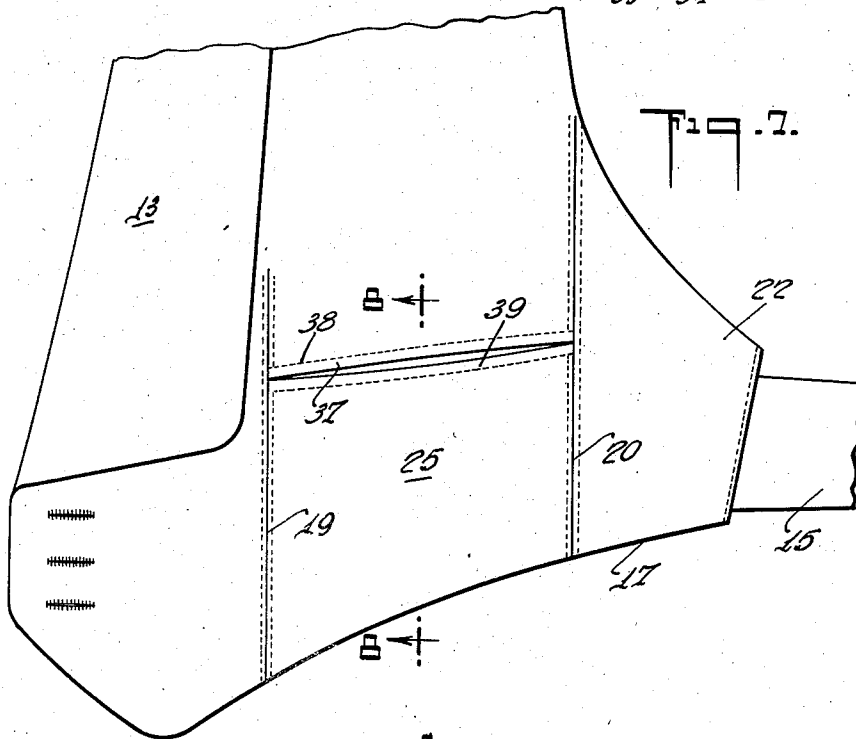
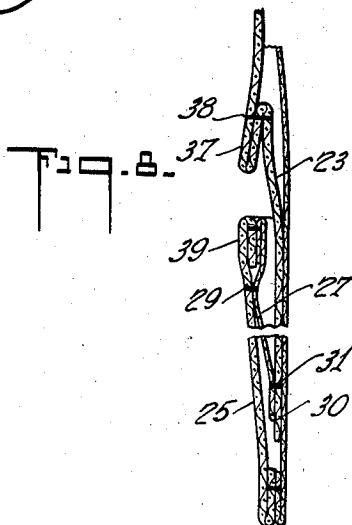


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My present invention relates generally to apparel, and has particular reference to an improved pocket construction.

Primarily, the present improvements are designed to enhance the appearance of a man's full-dress vest, but it will be understood that certain phases of my invention are not necessarily restricted to a vest of this particular type.

In a garment of the kind to which my invention is applicable, there is a front portion provided with a pair of spaced substantially parallel darts extending upward from its lower edge. In accordance with my invention, a pocket of unique character is arranged between these darts, the darts defining the side edges of the pocket.

It is a particular object of my invention to provide a pocket in which the rear wall is composed of the same material as the outer part of the garment, itself. Preferably, the rear wall of the pocket is an integral extension of the garment material above the pocket. The result is unusually attractive, and particularly desirable in a vest of high quality.

It is a further object of the invention to accomplish the foregoing general objective without impairing the smooth well-fitting appearance of the vest as a whole. The accomplishment of this object requires a shaping and arrangement of parts so as to avoid undesirable bulkiness.

The present construction is characterized by the employment of an insert element which is composed of the same material as the body of the garment and which conforms in width to the tail of material between the darts. The insert element is arranged on top of this tail, and extends all the way to the lower edge of the vest. The pocket is then completed by the arrangement of a lining piece which extends between the upper edge of the insert element and the lower edge of the tail.

Preferably, the tail of material is cut so that it terminates short of the lower edge of the garment, thus avoiding bulkiness at such lower edge.

In a slightly modified construction, the parts are so arranged that the pocket opening is defined by a slit arranged between two opposed lips.

I achieve the foregoing objects, and such other objects as may hereinafter appear or be pointed out, in the manner illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a vest provided with a pair of pockets constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary plan view of the

blank of vest material entering into the formation of the right-hand portion of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the insert element, together with the lining piece;

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view showing the manner in which the insert element is secured in position;

Figure 5 is an exaggerated cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 5—5 of Figure 1;

Figure 6 is an exaggerated cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 6—6 of Figure 1;

Figure 7 is an enlarged view of a modified pocket construction; and

Figure 8 is an exaggerated cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 8—8 of Figure 7.

In the vest I have chosen for illustration, a neckband portion 10 merges with the front portions 11 and 12, the latter being provided with conventional lapels 13 and 14, and being adapted to overlap at the bottom, as shown in Figure 1, when the vest is worn. At the rear lower ends of the portions 11 and 12 straps 15 and 16 are secured, being adapted to interengage at the back of the wearer to hold the vest in position. In the drawings, the free ends of the straps 15 and 16 have been broken away, since they form no part of the present invention. It will be understood, however, that these free ends are customarily provided with complementary buckle elements or the like.

The front portions 11 and 12 are provided with the lower edges 17 and 18, respectively, and in the construction illustrated each front portion is provided with a pocket above its lower edge. The present invention relates specifically to the construction and arrangement of this pocket; but since the pockets are identical, the following description and the remaining figures of the drawings are directed to the construction of the pocket shown at the right in Figure 1, i. e., the pocket formed near the lower edge 17.

Referring to Figure 2, the blank 11 is first provided with the spaced substantially parallel darts 19 and 20 which extend upwardly from the lower edge 17. The dart 20 may, if desired, extend all the way to the edge 21 of the blank, thereby severing the side piece 22 entirely. In carrying out my invention, however, it makes little difference whether the piece 22 is entirely separate or whether it is retained as an integral portion of the blank 11.

It will also be understood that the provision

of the darts 19 and 20 is quite usual in high-quality garments of this type, to insure a proper fit of the garment around the waistline.

In the preferred mode of carrying out my invention, the tail of material 23 which is formed between the darts 19 and 20 is cut so that its lower edge 24 no longer aligns with the lower edge 17 of the vest, but lies slightly above the lower edge 17, as shown most clearly in Figure 2.

The next step is to form an insert element 25, shown most clearly in Figure 3, which is composed of the same material as the blank 11 and which conforms substantially in width to the width of the tail 23. This insert element, however, is of such a size that when it is laid over the tail 23, as shown in Figure 4, its lower edge 26 will align itself substantially with the lower edge 17 of the garment.

Before the insert element 25 is attached it is secured to a lining piece 27, the elements 25 and 27 having their upper edges turned inwardly, as shown in Figure 3, and secured together by the concealed stitches 28 and by the additional row of stitches 29.

The assembly of Figure 3 is then laid over the tail 23, and the next step is to lift the element 25 and stitch the lower edge 30 of the lining piece 27 to the lower edge 24 of the tail 23. This is accomplished by a simple row of stitching 31, shown most clearly in Figure 5.

The darts are then sewed up, and this is accomplished in the usual manner as shown most clearly at the right of Figure 4. In this figure, I have illustratively shown the portion 22 doubled back onto the blank 11 to illustrate the manner in which a row of stitches 32 is caused to unite the superposed layers of material. Above the pocket, the stitches 32 extend through the portion 22 and through the blank 11. In the region of the pocket the stitches 32 extend not only through the layers 22 and 11, but also through the layers 25 and 27.

The portion 22 is then pressed back to its normal position, and two additional rows of stitches 33 and 34 are made, as shown most clearly in Figure 6, to hold the concealed raw edges of the various layers in the doubled-back relationships shown in this figure.

The same procedure is followed with respect to the dart 19, the two rows of stitches 35 and 36 being finally applied as shown in Figure 6.

The pocket construction is then complete, and it is of peculiarly attractive appearance. The rear wall of the pocket is formed by the concealed portion of the tail 23 and is thus composed of the same material as the body of the garment. The front wall of the pocket, on the inside, is formed by the lining piece 27 which is never visible, even when the pocket is expanded to insert or remove an article into and from the pocket. The exposed surface of the pocket is composed of the insert element 25, and since this element is of the same material as the garment, itself, the general appearance of the garment remains highly attractive. The presence of the darts 19 and 20 in the finished garment do not in the least detract from its attractive appearance.

The modification of Figures 7 and 8 is con-

structed in exactly the same manner as hereinbefore described and the various parts are, therefore, designated by the same reference numerals. The only difference is that the tail portion 23 is doubled back upon itself near its upper end to form the lip 37, a row of stitches 38 accomplishing this purpose. This lip is formed so as to constitute a counterpart to the lip-like upper edge 39 of the pocket, thus producing an effect somewhat as shown in Figure 7 whereby the opening of the pocket is defined by a slit arranged between two opposed lips.

It is to be understood that the various views, particularly the cross-sectional views, are not drawn to scale and are, therefore, of somewhat exaggerated character to explain the mode of assembling the various parts.

In general, it will be understood that changes in the details, herein described and illustrated for the purpose of explaining the nature of my invention, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. It is, therefore, intended that these details be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a vest, a front portion provided with a pair of spaced substantially parallel darts extending upward from the lower edge of said portion, an insert element of like material overlying the tail of material between said darts and conforming to it in width, said insert element extending to said lower edge, and a lining extending between the upper edge of said insert element and the lower edge of said tail, thereby defining a pocket.

2. In a vest, the combination set forth in claim 1, the upper edge of said insert element being stitched to define a lip, and said tail being creased and stitched to define a corresponding lip alongside of the first-named lip.

3. In a vest, a front portion provided with a pair of spaced substantially parallel darts extending upward from the lower edge of said portion, the tail of material between said dart terminating short of said lower edge, an insert element of like material overlying said tail and conforming to it in width but extending to said lower edge, and a lining extending between the upper edge of said insert element and the lower edge of said tail, thereby defining a pocket.

4. In a vest, a front portion provided with a pair of spaced substantially parallel darts extending upward from the lower edge of said portion, the tail of material between said darts terminating short of said lower edge, an insert element of like material overlying said tail and conforming to it in width but extending to said lower edge, a lining extending between the upper edge of said insert element and the lower edge of said tail, thereby defining a pocket, and a main lining behind said front portion and secured by an in-turned seam to the lower edge of said portion, including the lower edge of said insert element.

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